



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Olá, Warmest Greetings to you all.

### Congratulations

Caught Being Good Grandparent –

**Afu Vakatapu** with **Mikaela, Lili** and **Andrew**.

Every year at this time we are invited, as part of our **Duffy Books in Homes Programme**, to nominate a Caught Being Good Grandparent to receive an award of a beautiful book. Last week at our Grandparents Mass we were very pleased to select **Mrs Afu Vakatapu** as this year's recipient. It is always very difficult to make a selection as so many of our grandparents play such a wonderful role in helping to support all our children. Afu has been grandparent to many of our students over the years. She can be seen here with three present students, Mikaela, Lili and Andrew. Well done, Afu.



### Manaiakalani West Coast Study Tour



Last week **Mrs Tui** and I spent 4 days travelling with about 25 other principals and senior leaders from our **Manaiakalani Cluster**, on a study tour to the West Coast of the South Island. We were based in Kumara, a tiny settlement about 20 minutes from Greymouth.

This group of schools, **Toki Pounamu**, are one

of the **Manaiakalani Outreach Clusters** who have been using the same **Learn Create Share** teaching and learning methods that we have developed over the last few years. This type of Professional Development is very powerful and allowed us to reflect on what we are doing at our school and also to learn from and make connections with schools from a different part of New Zealand. Our group visited about twelve schools and have made some valuable connections in which all our children and teachers may benefit.



### End of Term

School finishes at the normal time this Friday for the holidays. We have had such a busy and successful term and I hope everybody has the chance to have a well-earned rest over the next two weeks. It is vitally important the children continue with their reading over the break as our End of Year final assessments start in Week 3 of Term 4. Please also be aware that if any of the children develop sore throats during the break they are able to be checked for free at a local doctors. During the year we have still had many children developing **Strep Throat** which requires antibiotics for treatment.

Some parents have also taken the opportunity to enrol their children into the **Skids Holiday Programme** based at Glen Innes School. Please contact **Anjum Malik on 0210686892** or email [gleninnes@skids.co.nz](mailto:gleninnes@skids.co.nz) Many of our families are eligible for an OSCAR subsidy which may pay most of the costs.





Zoofari Experience







Just some of the images from our trip to the Zoo last week. Special thanks to the **Tindall Foundation** and for the generous support from **St Ignatius Parish Community** for sponsoring this important educational

trip. For many of the children this was their first chance to visit our world class zoo.



## Duffy Role Model Assembly



On Monday of this week we were very pleased to have **Mr Henry Tuipe'a** as our Duffy Role Model assembly guest. Henry gave a very entertaining speech about how he came to love reading and how it opened up many opportunities for him in his life. He is an actor, entertainer, D.J. and now works for Duffy as a Role model and administrator. His first acting job was over 17 years ago when he played Duffy's little brother, Scruffy in the Duffy Show. We also were very fortunate to have some of our sponsors from **Rotary**, **Mr Peter Don**, **Mr Peter Barron**, **Mr Colin Wilson** and our great friend **Mrs Michele Mann** able to join us and helped give out the Duffy books to all the classes. **Dianne** did a great job as M.C. for the assembly. Thanks to **Mrs Middleton** for her great organisation.



Congratulations also to **Lili** who made her **First Holy Communion** at the Sacred Heart College Chapel a few weeks ago.

## Cross Country

Parents will be aware we had to cancel our school Cross Country last week because the park was just too muddy to make sure it was safe. However the children have still been practising and a team was selected by the teachers, to represent our school at the Cluster Cross Country, at Bailey Road School on Wednesday. Thanks to **Mr Gaffney** for organising and training the runners and to the parents who helped supervise and transport on the day.



## Film Festival Movies

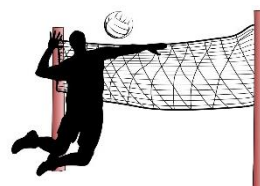
After a huge amount of work our entries to this year's Manaiakalani Film Festival have finally been completed. So many of the children have been involved in the planning, acting, filming and editing for this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festival. All the previous films can be viewed at by clicking on this link. [Film Festival Archives for last 10 Years](#) The Festival this year will be held on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> once again at Silvia Park. The whole school will bus to Sylvia Park movies to watch the movies on the Big Screen. One lucky film will be selected for the evening session.

## Glen Innes Library Holiday Programme

Each day of the holidays the Glen Innes will be holding a Holiday Programme from 10am – 11am and from 2pm – 3pm. Please register at the library if you would like your child/children to attend these free sessions.

## Kiwisport Volleyball

Our latest activity as part of the Kiwisport Programme has just finished with **Coach Renei** fine-tuning the natural talent of so many of our senior students. Once again an excellent programme enjoyed by the children and staff very much.



## Final Dates for Next Term for the Calendar

Graduation Mass      Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Prizegiving            Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School finishes for year after Prizegiving at 12.30pm approximately.